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24 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Acting Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. FBID prepared a Special Memorandum for the DCI reproducing all available comment from communist and communist-oriented media as of 6 October on the retirement of Mr. Dulles and the President's nomination of Mr. John A. Mc Cone as Director of Central Intelligence. [redacted] 50X1

2. On 29 September the Daily Report published an area supplement containing materials on the Eighth Congress of the Greek Communist Party. Three supplements on the Fourth Congress of the Korean Workers Party were also issued: The text of Kim Il-song's report as delivered 12 September, published 19 September; Report on the Seven-Year Plan, published 22 September; and the Congress Resolution and Unification Declaration, published 26 September. [redacted] 50X1

3. On 10 October [redacted] was issued by FBID carrying the text of a message from the Director General of PRENSA LATINA to CTK in Prague for retransmission to NCNA in Peking which confirmed previous reports of Chinese Communist aid in the expansion of the technical facilities of PRENSA LATINA. The message was intercepted and processed at the East Coast Bureau. [redacted] 50X1

4. Initial roundups of foreign radio and press reaction to President Kennedy's 25 September speech at the U.N. General Assembly were carried on the Wire on 26 and 27 September in the form of expanded versions of the "Significant Radio Reportage," and on 28 September a World Reaction Series supplement was issued containing comprehensive treatment of the unusually large volume of comment. [redacted] 50X1

5. The FBIS Wire Service during September carried a total of 968,834 words, or an average of 32,294 words a day, a new record exceeding the previous all-time daily average established in August. [redacted] 50X1

6. Publication of the USSR and East Europe Daily Report on Sundays has continued in order to provide consumers with critical material dealing with the current international crisis. However, Sunday publication of the Far East Daily Report and the Middle East, Africa, and West Europe Daily Report was discontinued after 1 October. [redacted] 50X1

7. Since May 1961 the material processed by the Saigon Bureau from the DRV ideological journal HOC TAP has not been carried in the DAILY REPORT but

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has been sent to FDD for publication by JPRS. When this procedure resulted in excessive delays for recipients, FDD arranged in September to disseminate the material within 14 days after receiving the copy from FBIS. Initial results have been satisfactory. [redacted]

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8. Of 180 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during September, 52 (29 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted]

9. During September 90 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 10 percent to press scrutiny. [redacted]

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10. Because of high level interest in Soviet International radio teletype transmissions, it has been decided that additional efforts should be made to check all known services and to cruise for any new services. As a first step, Hokkaido Bureau is being supplied the necessary equipment to undertake a survey of its area. [redacted]

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11. [redacted] has returned from Panama having completed a reception survey there. His primary mission was to determine the Latin American coverage potential of the Panama Post. His data and observations are now being evaluated, but a preliminary estimate indicates that considerable expansion of coverage would be possible with a minimum of construction of facilities.

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[redacted] used the newly developed method of taking measurements, using a field intensity meter to take readings in microvolts per meter. He also determined that reception at the present Panama Post site suffers from a high ambient noise level and interference from many Panamanian stations. [redacted]

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#### PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [redacted]

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1. The Office of Operations is represented by the Chief, Internal Affairs Section, RPB, on the new Soviet Problems Group set up by the DD/I as a coordinating committee to replace the disbanded Senior Research Staff. Representatives of ONE, OCI, ORR, OSI, and DD/P are included in the group. It was indicated at the first meeting that the group would concern itself principally with Soviet internal developments and that its functions would include exchanging information on documents of common interest, discussing current and projected research, airing interpretations of a speculative nature, and suggesting ideas for operational exploitation. The Director attended the second meeting, which was devoted to substantive discussion. FBIS's plans for covering the 22d CPSU Congress were outlined to the group at its third and most recent meeting.

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2. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire:

- a. "Communist Reaction to Syrian Coup; Recent References to Syrian CP Leader Bakdash"
- b. "Chen I Statements on Nuclear Weapons in REUTERS Interview"

3. As of 15 October, 130 daily analyses of communist propaganda had been cabled to the U. S. delegation at the Geneva conference on Laos.

4. Salient aspects of the 22d CPSU Congress will be covered in one or more Radio Propaganda Reports. Communist bloc reaction will also be analyzed in a Propaganda Report, with special attention to CPR and Albanian comment.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

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1. Daily Report planning and the FBIS Wire's service to consumers is greatly facilitated when the field provides a prompt FYI indication when major speeches or other items are intercepted and follows with subsequent FYI's indicating the conclusion of the pertinent transmission, the length of the item, and tentative bureau processing plans. When, for example, a speech by President de Gaulle or Soviet Premier Khrushchev is scheduled, many queries are forestalled when the Wire is able to carry a short informational note that the speech has begun. In general any effort by the field to provide answers to anticipated questions is appreciated.

2. Brief FYI's summing up initial reaction to major world developments, such as an American space feat or an important speech by the President, are especially appreciated by the Projects Staff and the Wire Service even though reaction roundups have been requested. Such FYI's are helpful in ascertaining the extent and tenor of comment and reportage for the daily briefing at 1300 GMT and for the "Pink Sheet," as well as for answering inquiries. Material already filed under a full sourceline need be noted only parenthetically. This type of FYI should be flagged "Copy to Projects Staff."

3. The question of the adequacy of translations remains one which must concern us. Translations should be couched in clear, idiomatic English. Frequently this means avoiding the most obvious cognate form and choosing from the wealth of English synonyms that which best expresses the thought in the original. As a basic principle it can be said that an item which is stilted and sounds as if it were translated is not doing justice to the original. Monitors and editors alike should be aware of and avoid the pitfall of translating such French words as "demande" as "demand," or "insolite" as "insolent."

4. Editors are urged to conform with the standard flagging procedures as outlined in the Editorial Handbook for insuring special or supplementary distribution of filed materials. Double flags can be used only on extremely rare occasions when two individuals normally not served are to receive copies; i.e., COPY TO FOS AND TIU. A flag such as RPB ONLY AND COPY TO TIU is improper. When material is filed under an ONLY flag the recipient will take the initiative in seeing that other interested individuals or components are advised.

5. Editors and monitors should review the Editorial Handbook's instructions regarding Brief headings. Broad, generalized headings which do not pinpoint the subject matter of the item, the use of one-word headings, and the employment of verbs when a label-type heading is possible are among the persistent shortcomings in wire-filed briefs.

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Mediterranean Bureau

1. Rapid handling of material in connection with the Syrian revolt enabled FBIS to report developments considerably ahead of domestic news media. The first report of the uprising was carried on the Wire 95 minutes ahead of an American news agency.

2. When the bureau is doing a recheck of such key items as an important speech by Nasir, editors should file an FYI reporting this fact and the estimated time of completion. Corrections should then be filed with the necessary precedence to meet Daily Report publication deadlines.

Okinawa Bureau

1. The Okinawa Bureau is commended for its expeditious filing and high quality of editing of material on the Fourth KWP Congress. Several consumers expressed satisfaction with the published material.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. When reporting on new press transmissions, bureaus are requested to include all important characteristics such as mode of transmission, words per minute, type of frequency shift, cycles per second, bauds, and other technical data which might be useful in evaluating the technical requirements for added coverage. Bureaus are also requested to supply this information for transmissions listed in the Foreign Press Transmission Schedules Book.

2. Bureaus are commended for their rapid and accurate reporting of the 10 October Soviet International service program and frequency changes.

3. Because of the extensive reorganization being accomplished by Cuban domestic service broadcast system, a BIS representative will be sent to Key West to observe and assess this situation.

4. African Bureau

a. According to present estimates, the contractor will complete station construction by 1 December 1961. Bureau operations may be moved into the new station from the temporary quarters by 15 December 1961. Houses one and two are about ready for occupancy by the Chief and the Engineer of the Bureau. Floors are being poured in houses three and four and some electrical and plumbing work has been started.

b.  arrived at the Bureau and inaugurated a training program. Some coverage adjustments have been made to achieve maximum effect for this program.

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5. BBC reports that plans for installation of an elevator at Caversham have been approved by the area Rural District Council. Construction of the elevator shaft is expected to begin in the near future.

6. The Editorial and Teletype Room Extension Project at the Okinawa Bureau is reported to be thirty-three percent complete. The floor slab, supporting columns and roof slab extension have been completed. A delay on replacement of steel windows in the Club/BOQ, pending the proposal for other improvements, was requested by the Bureau Chief.

7. Plans are being developed for the modernization of the Tokyo Bureau antenna installation atop the Embassy Building in coordination with USIA, the Department of State, and FBO to meet the requirement by the Department of State for visual obscurity.

## ADMINISTRATION

1. It is strongly recommended that employees provide for adequate insurance in shipment of household effects to and from duty posts. No shipment of effects should be made without at least partial coverage of goods.

2. Henceforth bureaus should forward one copy of all issued Government Bills of Lading to Headquarters.

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3. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were disseminated:

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1. New Employees

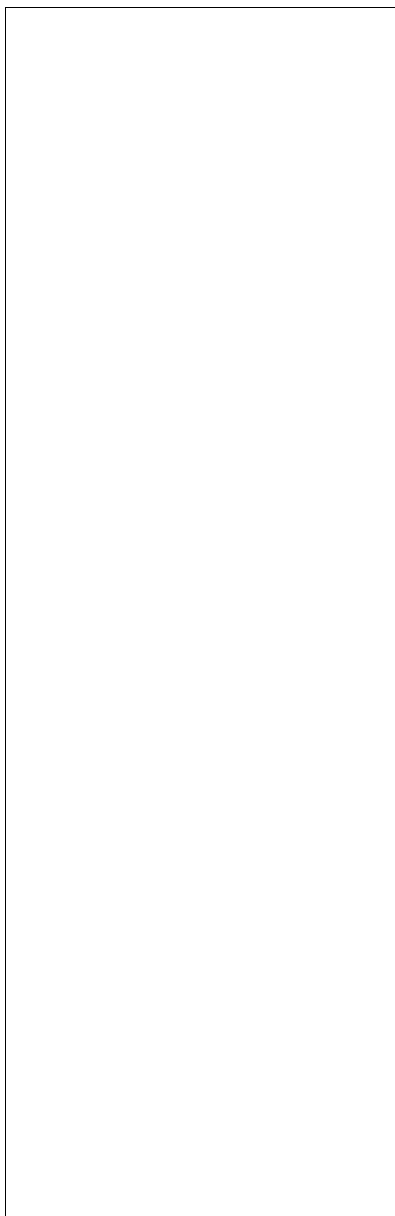


Assignment

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East Coast Bureau

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2. Reassignments



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Editor  
Editorial Branch  
  
Chief  
Tokyo Bureau  
  
Admin Officer  
Okinawa Bureau  
  
Assistant Chief  
Engineering Staff  
  
Watch Officer  
East Coast Bureau  
  
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	Asst Projects Editor Editorial Branch	Deputy Chief Liaison & Requirements Staff	
	Editor Hokkaido Bureau	Editor, USSR & EE Section Editorial Branch	
	Editor London Bureau	Editor, ME/Africa, WE & LA Editorial Branch	
	Watch Officer Mediterranean Bureau	Watch Officer West Coast Bureau	
	Editor Tokyo Bureau	Editor, Far East Section Editorial Branch	
	Editor Editorial Branch	Editor Mediterranean Bureau	

3. Separations

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